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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS ILLEGAL ALIEN WHO ASSAULTED SHELDON WOMAN**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.— U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers here deported an illegal alien Wednesday who was convicted of assaulting a Sheldon, Iowa woman.

Eliodoro Fabian Reyes-Reyes, 24, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted in O'Brien County District Court on Dec. 6 of Assault with the Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse, and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

"A priority for ICE is to get criminals off the streets," said ICE Field Office Director Scott Baniecke. "Illegal aliens are an enforcement priority. We will arrest and remove them from the United States." Baniecke oversees ICE's Detention and Removal Operations program for a five-state area.



According to court documents, at approximately 6 a.m. on August 28, Reyes-Reyes followed a woman into Hills Park in Sheldon as she left work. He grabbed her from behind and attempted to pull her into a stand of trees, but she broke loose. Reyes-Reyes grabbed her again, groping her and attempting to remove her clothing. The victim freed herself a second time and ran back to her place of employment. There she called the Sheldon Police Department, who apprehended Reyes-Reyes a short time later.

Upon his release from prison, Reyes-Reyes was turned over to the ICE office in Sioux City.

During fiscal year 2004, which ended Sept. 30, ICE detention and removal officers removed 3,152 criminal aliens and status violators from a five-state area that includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Of that number, 1,488 were classified as criminal aliens for having been convicted of such crimes as drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape, and fraud, among others. The remaining 1,664 had committed administrative immigration law violations.

NOTE: For a JPEG digital image file Reyes-Reyes, please contact Tim Counts at 952-853-2602 or via e-mail at [Tim.Counts@dhs.gov](mailto:Tim.Counts@dhs.gov).

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